

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On March 28, 1980, Wisconsin Steel in South
3 Chicago was suddenly closed, leaving over 3,000 employees
4 jobless and without their contracted benefits; and

5 WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Steelworkers formed the Save Our
6 Jobs Committee led by Frank Lumpkin to explore efforts to
7 reopen the mill and win payment of their benefits; and

8 WHEREAS, The Save Our Jobs Committee finally won \$19
9 million in court settlements after a 16 year effort that
10 included attending committee hearings of the Illinois
11 Legislature in Springfield, an hour on the agenda of the
12 House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., meetings with
13 Mayor Harold Washington's Task Forces on Steel, Displaced
14 Workers, and Hunger, and numerous sessions of several
15 different courts; and

16 WHEREAS, The former Wisconsin Steelworkers have joined
17 with other steelworker retirees and other retirees to form
18 Seniors Organized for Justice, affiliated with the Illinois
19 Alliance for Retired Americans, and are now actively pursuing
20 a better healthcare system that provides prescription drugs
21 under Medicare and includes healthcare for all; therefore, be
22 it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
25 we congratulate these fighting senior citizens for their
26 determination to never give up the fight for justice and for
27 their public-minded spirit and applaud them on the occasion
28 of their 23rd Steelworker Dinner and Reunion on March 27,
29 2003 at the Steelworkers Union Hall at 9350 South Chicago
30 Avenue; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the Seniors Organized for Justice.